

POULTRY

In 2002, Minnesota turkey growers ranked second in turkeys raised and second in pounds produced. Minnesota raised 44.0 million turkeys, the same amount as 2001. The total liveweight of turkeys produced was 1.15 billion pounds, up 4% from the previous year. The average price received for turkeys in 2002 was 36 cents per pound, up 1 cent from 2001. The value of the state's turkey production in 2002 was up 7% to \$413.4 million.

During 2002, hatcheries in the West North Central Region (which includes the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota) placed 108.2 million turkey poults, up 4% from 2001.

Minnesota's total chicken inventory (excluding broilers) on December 1, 2002, was down 7% from the previous year at 14.7 million birds. The state's egg production in 2002 was 3.12 billion eggs, up slightly from 2001. The value of eggs produced was down 6% in 2002 to \$106.2 million. The all-egg price decreased to 40.8 cents per dozen. The annual average number of layers on farms was down 3% at 11.7 million.

Value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) fell 14% to \$18,000.

In 2002, the number of broilers produced was up 1% to 44.2 Million. From 2001 to 2002, value of production decreased 19% to \$68.9 million. The annual average price per pound decreased to 30.0 cents per pound.

Hatchery production of egg-type chicks decreased 7% to 17.6 million in 2002. These poultry estimates are based on survey data reported by producers, hatcheries, and processing plants.



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